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IMPROVEMENT WORK AT CLUB SAR, INDIAN SCHOOL PARK Work has commenced on a series of improvements to Club SAR and Indian School Park, 4415 N. Hayden Road. The improvements include constructing a new training facility for the San Francisco Giants which will be separate from the Club SAR facilities, renovating the existing first floor Giants-occupied spaces in Club SAR, reconstructing the two northernmost practice fields at Indian School Park and adding evaporative coolers to the existing batting practice facility. The project also includes air-conditioning for the public side of Club SAR, which features a fitness center, indoor basketball court and boxing facilities. All interior renovations will begin later in the year. Portions of the parking lot at Indian School Park/Club SAR will be closed through February 2007 to facilitate construction. During busy times at Club SAR, overflow parking will be located in the parking lot across Camelback Road. Due to demolition activities on the pedestrian promenade, access through the park will move to the sidewalk on the west side of the fields, adjacent to Hayden Road. For more information on Club SAR: <http://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/parks/SAR>. For more information on Indian School Park: <http://www.ScottsdaleAZ.gov/parks/ISP>.



DISTRICT 1 HAS NEW POLICE COMMANDER In recent months, the Scottsdale Police Department has enjoyed a few promotions in District 1. Former Commander Sean Duggan has taken the title of Scottsdale Deputy Chief. Taking his place, Scott Popp has been promoted from Lieutenant to Commander. "I am looking forward to the change, and the opportunity to work with the community in District 1", says Commander Popp. "The Scottsdale Police Department and the personnel assigned to District 1 are committed to developing a safe community through strong community partnerships and participation." To reach Commander Scott Popp, (480) 312-2571, spopp@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

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In recent months, the city staff have been working with residents to ensure the safety of various neighborhoods in the southern area. The Scottsdale Police Department have collaborated with other city departments and residents within the area of 7200 E. Virginia to address drug and burglary-related activity and zoning and property maintenance violations. Within this time, the collaborative work has already indicated measurable improvements toward restoring the health and safety of nearby neighbors and residents.

The Scottsdale Bike Unit and Spanish-certified officers continue to work together in the Paiute and Minnezona neighborhoods with very positive results. Officers have focused their efforts on interacting with community members as well as targeting known neighborhood offenders and crime houses. For more information, Commander Scott Popp, District 1, (480) 312-2571, spopp@ScottsdaleAZ.gov.

PROPOSED BANK AT MILLER AND INDIAN SCHOOL SLATED FOR AUGUST 24 DESIGN REVIEW A proposal for a bank to be located on the northeast corner of Miller and Indian School Roads will be reviewed by the Development Review Board on August 24. A gas station was previously located at this site and has since been demolished. The parcel has been vacant for approximately two years. Also on August 24, the Development Review Board will continue its review and formal consideration of the SkySong, Phase III project. Work-study sessions for the board normally begin at 12:15 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 1 p.m. in the City Hall Kiva, 3939 N. Drinkwater Blvd. On occasion, the board will resume work-study sessions after the regular agenda is completed. For additional project information: <http://eservices.scottsdaleaz.gov/cases/casesheet.aspx?caseid=30842>

DINING CARS BACK ON TRACK HOSTING RAILROAD PARK EVENTS Scottsdale's McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park has two new rail cars. Donated by the park's non-profit partner, the Scottsdale Railroad and Mechanical Society, the rail cars will be used for children's birthday parties and meetings. Both cars will be climate-controlled and be available for parties, meetings, lunches, dinners and special events. The majority of the renovation costs will be funded by the Scottsdale Railroad and Mechanical Society. The cars will replace the two cabooses currently in the birthday area that will be moved to the eastern entrance of the park for use as an entry feature after Indian Bend Road is widened next summer. For more information about McCormick-Stillman Railroad, visit: <http://www.therailroadpark.com/index1.html>

GRANITE REEF NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER OPEN FOR BUSINESS The new Granite Reef Neighborhood Resource Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Road, is now open at the Granite Reef Senior Center. Citizens can learn about citywide projects at the facility, pay their city utility bills, get notary services, drop off library materials and purchase bus tickets. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The new center replaces the former Papago Citizen Service Center at the Papago Plaza. For more information, (480) 312-7900.

KICK-OFF YOUR NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY WITH THE CITY Get your neighbors involved in your neighborhood by throwing a block party. Join other Scottsdale residents and city staff on Thursday, September 7 at this year's Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (G.A.I.N.) Kick-Off event at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts, 7380 E. Second St. from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The kick-off will provide neighborhood party planners with all the tools needed for a successful G.A.I.N. night party. G.A.I.N. block parties will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 throughout the city. For more information, Carrie Abts, citizen advisor, (480) 312-2342, cabts@ScottsdaleAZ.gov

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